

Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Changes relative to the immediate prior version are shown using strikethrough to identify deleted material and underlining to identify added material.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 (lines 1-8) with the following amended paragraph:

– A pipette washing device provided with a trough for accommodating water for washing is known~~-provide~~ provided with a brush arranged inside the trough, a magnetic body mounted on the bottom part of the brush, a rotating magnetic body having the same polarity as the magnetic body mounted on the bottom of the brush, and a drive means for rotating the rotating magnetic body (for example, Japanese Utility Model Publication No. H6-15772). --

Please replace the twelfth full paragraph on page 5 (lines 23-24) with the following amended paragraph:

-- FIG. 13 shows a side view of the catcher of the device shown in~~-FIG.~~ FIG. 1. -

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 23 and 24 (page 23, line 31 to page 24, line 2) with the following amended paragraph:

– First, the initialization operation is described wherein a required~~the~~ drive pulse number Nb is determined for the stepping motor 45 to rotate the sample container Ts only one pitch on the turntable 42 based on the flow chart of FIG. 19. --